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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 5th/April, through Sunday, 12th/April there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0T, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/g, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS

Mart, DL6UAA, is once again active as 3B8MM on **Mauritius Island (AF-049)** until April

19th. Activity has been on 40-6 meters including 30/17/12m using mainly CW with some RTTY. QSL via DL6UAA, direct or by the Bureau. Visit his Web page at:

http://www.dl6uaa.com

3B8 & 3B9, MAURITIUS AND RODRIGUEZ ISLANDS

José, EA5IDQ, will be active as 3B8/EA5IDQ from Mauritius (AF-049) between May 10-18th, and 3B9/EA5IDQ from **Rodriguez Island (AF-017)** between May 19-23rd. Activity from both Islands will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSLs via EA5IDQ, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.dxpedition.eu

3D2, FIJI

Mark, ZL3AB, will be active as 3D2XT from **Malolo Lailai Island (OC-121)** between April 12-17th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

3D2, FIJI

Aki, JA1NLX, will once again be active as 3D2YA, but from **Yangeta Island (OC-156)** in the Yasawa IOTA Group, between September 23-28th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with a KX3/KXPA100 (100w) into a Bravo-5 Vertical antenna. QSL via JA1NLX, direct or via the OQRS. **DO NOT SEND VIA THE BUREAU. NO IRC.** For more details, see:

http://ja1nlx-aki.blogspot.jp/search/label/3D2YA_2015

Log will be uploaded daily to ClubLog if he has a good InterNet connection. Log will be uploaded to LoTW after his return home.

5W, SAMOA (Reminder)

Just a few more days to work the four members of the Yamato Amateur Radio Club who are on holiday from **Samoa (OC-097)** until April 15th. Operators are Sasi/JA1KJW (5W0KJ), Mat/JA1JQY (5W0JY), Kuni/JA8VE (5W0VE) and Kaoru/JA3MCA (5W0MA). Activity is on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Their equipment consists of an Elecraft K2, K3x3, Ameritron ALM-500M for SSB operator Kuni, Spider Beam, HEX antenna and DP. QSL via each operator's home callsign, SASE or by the Bureau.

7P, LESOTHO

Gert, ZS6AYU, will once again be active as 7P8GF from Katse Dam (KG40fp) between April 14-17th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters, CW only and using just 100 watts into a vertical. He will also be active on 6 meters (50.097 MHz) between 1500z and 1700z, calling CQ from time to time just in case there is a TEP opening. QSL via ZS6AYU (see **QRZ.com**).

DXCC NEWS

Sharon Taratula, Administrative Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

3XY5M - Guinea (Current Operation)

** **PLEASE NOTE:** Michael, PA5M (3XY5M), will be out of Guinea for a short break in PA-land between April 8-15th. So, if you work 3XY5M in that period, it is a **PIRATE.** Michael suggests, "Always check ClubLog in case you have doubts." QSL cards will only be handled by Dennis, PA7FM. Read details on **QRZ.com**.

A6, U.A.E.

Mark, M0DXR, will be active as A6/M0DXR from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, between April 14-15th. Activity will be on CW. QSL via his home callsign.

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Reminder)

Just a reminder that the DX0P DXpedition to **Pagasa Island (AS-051)** will take place this week between April 14-20th. Activity is planned for 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and JT-65. QSL via WA6LOS. Log will be available on ClubLog. They have a FaceBook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/DX0P2015

The DX0P Web page is now active at: **http://dx0p.org**

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS

Operators Rob/N7QT and YL Melanie/N7BX will be be active from North Cook Islands during October/November. Specific dates and callsigns were not announced yet. They will operate from Manihiki for 2 or 4 weeks. Duration will depend on scheduling issues. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (possibly 160m) using Cw, SSB and RTTY, with a K3/KPA500 and a CrankIR vertical on the beach. QSL available using LoTW, direct with SASE(IRC or 2 USDs for international), or by the Bureau.

EK, ARMENIA

Operators Bernd/DL7UCX and Frank/DK7AO reportedly have received permission to operate as EK/DL7UCX and EK/DK7AO between April 23rd and May 4th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters (no 6m permitted) using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

FP, ST. PIERRE/MIQUELON (CANCELLED)

Rob, N7QT, has announced that he has cancelled his FP/N7QT July 20-29th, to Saint Pierre/Miquelon. He states, "We were unable to find reasonable 'ham radio' accommodations on the island and therefore had to cancel this trip."

FS, ST. MARTIN

Operators Paul/K9NU, John/W9ILY, Guy/VE2BWL and John/K9EL will operate the CQWW DX SSB Contest (in October) from Saint Martin. Details and contest callsign will be announced later.

IOTA NEWS

AS-073. Operators Rizal/9M2RDX, Ahmad/9W2AEV, Hanif/9W2FLD, Rosli/ 9M2RHQ, Han/9W2SBD, Ishak/9M2MCB, Mohamad/9W2MCK, Ahmad/9W2VVN, Faizol/9W2ZKZ and Rizal/KC3DQS will be active as 9M4TI from **Redang Island** between April 23-26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and BPSK. QSL via 9M2RDX, direct only.

EU-124. Members of Barry Amateur Radio Society (BARS) in South Wales, UK, will be operating as GB4MBC from the historical **Flatholm Island**, between April 24-27th. The

GB4MBC operations on April 25th is to celebrate Marconi's birthday. Also, the team will operate using their own personal callsigns on the other days. Activity will be mainly on the HF bands, but will also operate on satellite using limited portable equipment during their stay. QSL via MW0DHF.

EU-160/
EU-188 In an eight day journey (about 1700m) throughout the Barents Sea, members of Russian Robinson Club (RRC) plan to activate some very remote and hard to access IOTA during the second half of July (approx. dates July 18th and August 6th). Islands mentioned are **Korga Island (callsign RI1PK) [EU-160, RR-03-04) or possibly Chaichij Island (callsign RI1PC) [EU-160, RR-03-24] and Timanets Island (callsign RI1PT) [EU-188 , RR-03-27(new one), RLHA: RLE-133 (new one), WLOTA: LH-0191 (new one)]**. Operators mentioned are Vasily/R7AA (Team Leader), Vasily/RA1ZZ, Alexander/RA3AV, Aleksej/RA1QY and Sergey/R1OO. QSL via R7AA direct (SASE). Also, QSL via ClubLog's OQRS (DIRECT or Bureau). For more details and updates, see:

http://www.ri1pc.org

NA-248. (New IOTA) Cezar, VE3LYC, is planning to activate **Melville Island** sometime between the period August 3-10th (Exact dates TBA). Landing permission and logistics have been granted. Full details will be announced soon on a Web page. **OC-262**. Operators Hafni/YB5FN, Vector/YB5BOY (Team Leader), Surya/YB5EHQ (Co-Leader), Denny/YC5KIK (QSL Manager), Yhonny/YB5LX, Mardiyan/ YC5MB, Syahril/YC5DSM, YL Dahnial/YC5KJY, Nana/YC5EGN, Zulherman/ YC5JYY, Uncu/YD5DFR, Zainal/YD5KCI and Robby/YD4IRS will be active as YB5M from **Pasumpahan Island** between May 14-17th. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Visit their Web site at:

http://yb5m.com

SA-024. Operators Marcelo Pera/PY2AE, Murilo/PY2DS, João Carlos/PU2KKE, Willian/PU2XIZ and Flávio/PU2KFL will be active as PW2C from **Cambriú Island** (DIB SP-15) between May 1-3rd. The island of Cambriú will be activated for the first time; it belongs to São Paulo State West Group and will be a new DIB to Brazil, SP-15. Cambriú is a tiny island in south of São Paulo state without any kind of infrastructure, and there is no energy power or portable water. The landing is done on the rocks and the weather and sea conditions usually are not good. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10/2 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via PY2DS, direct or by the Bureau.

SA-028. (Update) By the time you read this, operators Leo/PU2LGU, Paulo/PU2WZR and Agostinho/PY2DMC will be finishing their **"DXpedition Solidary of Easter"** (Solidary Sailor Project) from **Vitoria Island** as ZV2VS, between April 11-12th. The main objective of this operation is to deliver food dona- tions for 20 poor families in a remote village. They cele- brated the Easter holiday with chocolate eggs for the children. Amateurs radio and personal friends have contributed to this action. Also, the CDR Group made a large donation for this event. QSL via PU2WZR only direct. See **QRZ.com** and **www.veleirotukura.com.br** for more details.

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU

Look for J52HF to be on the air again as of April 11th through April 30th. Operator Livio,

IZ3BUR, will be on the air during his spare time, mainly on 20/15/10/6 meters using SSB and PSK31. The log will be uploaded to ClubLog, with OQRS, when he returns to Italy. For info about QSO/QSL, send an E-mail to: **veronadxteam@gmail.com** See **QRZ.com** for more details.

J8, ST. VINCENT (Reminder)

Brian, GW4DVB, will be active as J88PI from **Palm Island** (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA **NA-025**), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between April 13-22nd. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters SSB only using an Elecraft KX3 and KXPA100 Power Amp (100w) into a 10m vertical antenna and a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole.

QSL via GW4DVB, by the Bureau or direct to:
PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check:

http://www.g4dvb.co.uk

ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

MJ, JERSEY (Also GU)

Operators Eddy/ON6EF, Jan/ON6VJ and Bruno/ON1CH, members of the OSA, will be active as MJ/homecall from **Jersey Island (EU-013)** between May 14-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using SSB with a TS-2000 into FD-4 and dipole antennas. QSL via their home callsigns. Eddy, ON6EF, will also activate **Sark Island (EU-114)**, in the Guernsey Island group for 1 day signing MU/ON6EF with a TS-50S and FD3 dipole, external car battery and 100w.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 13-19th)

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Apr/13th DIS     Apr/16th  LN      Apr/18th  LN
Apr/14th DIS     Apr/17th  HN      Apr/19th  LN
Apr/15th LN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE

http://www.bandconditions.com

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing

their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (Will return April 19th)

KP4MS (SK) LOGS. Dave, W4DN, reports that his brother's KP4MS (SK) log was uploaded to LoTW. Thanks to Norm, W3IZ, at ARRL HQ's for his help.

PQ0T LOG ONLINE. A log search for PQ0T is now available at:

https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/PQ0T

U.S. POSTAL RATES (Going Up!). Beginning April 26th, there will be some new postal rates. Here is a quick summary:
Forever Stamps -- Will remain the same at 49 cents
Global Forever Stamps -- Going Up! $1.15 to $1.20
Postcards -- Going Up! 32 cents to 33 cents
Additional Ounces -- Going Up! 21 cents to 22 cents
The complete breakdown of the new rates can be seen at:

http://blog.stamps.com/2015/03/04/usps-announces-postage-rate-increase-starts-april-26-2015/

ZL7AAA QSL STATUS. Sandro, VE7NY, reports: "All QSL requested direct or ClubLog OQRS were sent out, please if you have not received QSL card let me know directly by E-mail **ve7ny@live.com**. Do not wait a year, I have no control over the Canada Post or to your country mail."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 6W/MM0NDX, 9M6XRO, C4SV, DF5TR, DK8PX, DL2AKA, DS4AOW, EA7AFM, JH1EIG, K1N, LA4OGA, TA0/DJ4EL, US8UA, V6Z and VE1VOX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 9Q0HQ, C5DX, FO4BM/P, FT4TA, PY0F/PP1CZ, T32RL, TI5/N3KS, ZK3E and ZK3Q

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 9U4U, E20AJ, EA6/G4MKP, EA8/DK5AN, FO/KH0PR, PJ4NX, RN1CR/0, RT0Q, TF1JI, TF3DX/M, TF3IG, TF3JX, TF3RF, TF5BY, TF6JZ, TF8VET, TO5K, TX5RV, UA2FZ, V5/DH3WO and ZD8D

TC100, TURKEY (The Goncasuyu Project)

About the Project [edited] -- The historical legendary wireless station Goncasuyu played a significant role at the Çanakkale Sea Warfare, followed the radio telegraph messages of enemy naval forces and informed the Turkish bastions. After 100 years, Goncasuyu has been re-engaged by TRAC (Amateur Radio Society of Turkey) to share our peace messages with the

world. Goncasuyu salutes the world with the HAM lingo "73!" meaning "Best regards!"

The project has been planned by TRAC in the memory of Mehmetcik (a poetic term for Turkish soldier) and his epic battle. The story of Goncasuyu will be shared with the visitors at the field and with the radio amateurs of the world on the air. The following nine amateur radio callsigns will be used among the Project at the operation dates between March 14th and April 26th, and August 6-10th: TC100GS, TC100GP, TC100KT, TC10VKZL, TC100A, TC100E, TC100TC, TC100B, TC100K and TC100GLB.

Ten locations are planned for operations. Five stations at the Gallipoli Peninsula are: Goncasuyu (Rumeli Bastion), Kilitbahir, Abide (Monument), Kocaçimentepe and Anzac Bay. The other five stations at the Çanakkale (Anatolia side) are Canakkale University 18 March University area (fortress in the land war), Esenler District, Lapseki, Çardak and Canakkale Downtown).

TRAC Branches and radio amateurs from Australia and New Zealand have been invited to the field studies. HAM related visitors will be hosted by TRAC and operations will be organized and performed with the participants. You may follow this web site for further information, news and announcements.

All information and calender are at:

http://www.goncasuyu.org/?lang=en

No War No Dead, Peace at Home, Peace in the World:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_at_Home,_Peace_in_the_World

73, Mehmet, TA5FA

V6, MICRONESIA

Lance, W7GJ, will be active as V6M from **Falalop Island, Ulithi Atoll (OC-078)**, between August 26th and September 3rd. Activity is to celebrate his 50th anniversary of VHF DXing and will be focused on 6 meters EME. **QSL DIRECT ONLY** to W7GJ. Complete details about his operation, can be found on:

http://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/Micronesia2015.htm

YE60, INDONESIA (Special Event)

Look for special event station YE60AA to be active starting from 0000z April 18th, until 2359z April 19th. Activity is to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Asian-African Conference, by member(s) of the ORARI in the city of Bandung, Province of West Java. Operation has permission to be on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY.

QSL via YB1LZ, PO Box 1090 Bandung 40010 Indonesia. Log will be uploaded to **QRZ.com**, HRDLog, Clublog and LoTW. QSL cards received via the Bureau, will be replied via the Bureau. They will accept OQRS by Paypal (account **ye60aa@yahoo.com** on behalf ASIAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE AWARD). For more details, see:

http://www.qrz.com/db/ye60aa

YN, NICARAGUA

Dave, WJ2O, will be active as YN/WJ2O from the home of Octavio, YN2N, in Granada between April 22-30th. Activity will be focused on 6 meters, Top Band and the 30/17/12 meter bands using CW. No LoTW. QSL via N2ZN for a full color QSL.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND (Reminder)

Steve, G3ZVW, is once again active as ZD8N from Georgetown until April 21st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, the Digital modes using 100 watts and wire antennas. This will be a work trip, so activity will be evenings, weekends and early mornings. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS

Operators Pete/N8PR and Bill/NZ5N will be active as ZF2EM from the Cayman Islands between May 20-25th. Main activity will be focused on 2 meter EME, but with some HF SSB and maybe JT65HF. They will also have 2m/440 and an Elk antenna for some possible FM satellite QSOs if the passes are at times when the moon is not up. QSL via N8PR.

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